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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminary to the examination of this application, applicants respectfully request amendment of the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 25-29, 31 and 36, and please amend claims 3, 4, 6-8, 13, 14, 16, 19, 21, 22, 24, 32-35, as follows.

a¹ 3. (Amended) An adjuvant composition as claimed in claim 1 or claim 2, wherein the adjuvant composition does not comprise an oil-in-water or water-in-oil emulsion.

4. (Amended) An adjuvant composition as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 3] claim 1 or 2, characterised in that the surfactant of formula (1) is haemolytic.

a² 6. (Amended) An adjuvant as claimed in claim 4 [or claim 5], wherein the surfactant of formula (1) has a haemolytic activity within a ten fold difference to that of polyoxyethylene-9 lauryl ether or polyoxyethylene-8 stearyl ether, as measured in the Guinea Pig blood haemolysis assay.

7. (Amended) An adjuvant composition as claimed in any one of claims 1 [to 6], 2 or 5, comprising a surfactant of formula (1), wherein n is 4 to 24.

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